

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2210

March 16, 2014

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Comptroller of the Treasury to conduct an audit of licensed nursing homes to specifically identify health and safety concerns and examine issues relating to abuse of elder and vulnerable persons residing in nursing homes, levels of staffing, appropriate use of medications and restraints, the needs of persons with dementia and similar conditions, and measures taken to provide for the social wellbeing of nursing home residents. The Comptroller is required to report the results of such audit to the Senate Health and Welfare Committee and the House Health Committee on or before February 1, 2015.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000/One-Time

Assumptions:

- According to the Comptroller, it will be difficult to complete such audit in conjunction with existing responsibilities.
- It is assumed that the Comptroller will find it necessary to contract this audit out to a private firm specializing in healthcare facilities.
- The one-time cost of such contract is unknown, but is reasonably determined to exceed \$100,000.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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